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- 1. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TONARELLI INFORMED AMBASSADOR OF GUINEAN INTEREST IN PURCHASING FRG CHANCERY SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. UNFORTUNATELY, THE ITALIAN WAS OVERZEALOUS IN PURSUING THE INTERESTS OF HIS GERMAN CLIENTS AND ASKED GUINEANS IF AMERICAN CHANCERY, WHICH IS ABOUT 100 YARDS AWAY FROM THE GERMANS, WAS ALSO TO BE TAKEN. GUINEAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR REPORTEDLY REPLIED "YES" AND INCORRECTLY INSISTED AMERICANS HAD BEEN INFORMED.
- 2. IT IS TRUE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL PASSING REFERENCES OVER LAST FEW YEARS OF GUINEA GOVT INTENTION TO DEVELOP AREA IN WHICH CHANCERIES ARE LOCATED FOR EXCLUSIVELY GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES. HOWEVER THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNS OF DEFINITE MOVES IN THAT DIRECTION. EMBASSY IS IN FACT IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING FOR PURCHASE OF CHANCERY FROM A SEMI- PRIVATE BANANA COOPERATIVE AND IS AWAITING GUINEAN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL TO CONSUMATE DEAL. WE RECOGNIZE US INTEREST IN ASSISTING OUR GERMAN ALLIES AND BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR BOTH COUNTRIES IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUINEANS WERE TO GIVE UP PLAN TO ACQUIRE FRG CHANCERY. OBVIOUSLY THOUGH WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH TO ASSIST OUR GERMAN FRIENDS AT THE RISK OF LOSING OUR OWN CHANCERY.

- 3. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES THIS MATTER FREQUENT DEMARCHE, ADHAM SAID
- " THE COLONEL

(QADHAFI) HAD EARLIER, ON ANOTHER OCCASION, DENOUNCED CRIMES AGAINST INNOCENT CIVILIANS; THIS IS LARG'S POSITION." HOWEVER, ADHAM WENT ON TO OBSERVE THAT "KHARTOUM EVENTS" (I HAD REFERRED THROUGHOUT TO

" MURDERS") WERE " DESPERATE ACTS OF DESPERATE PEOPLE" WHOM WORLD, AND USG IN PARTICULAR " MOST REGRETTABLY", HAD DEPRIVED OF HOPE OF JUSTICE BY SUPPORTING ISRAEL. ADHAM ALSO REFERRED TO ISRAELI DOWNING OF LIBYAN AIRLINER OVER SIN' AI WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS " TERRORIST ACTION IN WHICH OVER 100 INNOCENT CIVILIANS WERE VICTIMS".

- 4. I OBSERVED THAT USG HAD PROFFERED PROMPT CONDOLENCES AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF LARG RE AIRCRAFT TRAGEDY AND THEN REPEATED POINTS IN DEMARCHE RE USG POSITION VIS- A- VIS ARAB GOVERNMENTS THAT SUPPORT BSO AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS THAT CARRY OUT PREMEDITATED MURDERS.
- 5. ADHAM --" SPEAKING PERSONALLY"-- HAD THE GRACE TO EXPRESS DISTRESS AT DEATHS OF US AND BELGIAN DIPLOMATS, EXPECIALLY CURT MOORE WHOM HE HAD KNOWN IN BAYDA.

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6. COMMENT: WHILE I WAS DISAPPOINTED KIKHYA WAS UNABLE RECEIVE ME, I WAS ASSURED BY ADHAM'S METICULOUS NOTE- TAKING THAT HE WILL REPORT DEMARCHE IN DETAIL TO KIKHYA WHO, MOST CERTAINLY, WILL RELAY IT TO RCC. AS FOR NA'AS, HE IS AN ARGUMENTIVE, SHORT-FUSED INTERLOCUTOR, WHO PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS RELIABLE REPORTER THAN ADHAM.

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